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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: PEPR, MARR, NI, DM  
SUBJECT: NIGERIA/BENIN AGREEMENT

REF: LAGOS 10072

1. DURING COURTESY CALL BY POLCOUNS AND NIGERIA DESK OFFICER WEINLAND, MEA AFRICA DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FAFOWARA SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE NIGERIA/BENIN AGREEMENT IS. HE THEN BLUNTLY ASKED WHAT INFORMATION WE HAVE ON LEVEL OF SOVIET ACTIVITY IN BENIN. POLCOUNS REPLIED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE DETAILS BUT WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE SOVIET ADVISORS IN BENIN AND THAT THEY HAVE SUPPLIED SOME MILITARY EQUIPMENT. FAFOWARA THEN INDICATED HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MORE DETAILS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE OBSERVED THAT "THOSE CHAPS" (THE BENINOISE) ARE VERY SENSITIVE, IMPLYING THAT THE NIGERIANS HAVE NOT BEEN GETTING AS MUCH INFORMATION ON EQUIPMENT AND FOREIGN ADVISORS AS THEY HOPED.

2. FAFOWARA ALSO SAID THAT THE BRITISH HAD RELAYED THEIR CONCERN TO THE NIGERIANS ABOUT THE BUILD-UP IN BENIN AND NOTED IN PASSING THAT OBASANJO WOULD BE LEAVING FOR BENIN ON AUGUST 31.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS ON NUMBER AND TYPE OF FOREIGN ADVISORS AND MILITARY SUPPLIES INVOLVED IN BUILD-UP IN BENIN THAT WE CAN GIVE TO FAFOWARA.  
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